

MISCELLANY

Items for the News column must be furnished by the twentieth of the preceding month. Under this department are grouped: Comment on Current and Recent Articles in the Journal; News; Medical Economics; Correspondence; Department of Public Health; California Board of Medical Examiners; and Twenty-Five Years Ago. For Book Reviews, see index on the front cover, under Miscellany.

NEWS

Summer Courses for Graduates in Medicine.—Members of the medical profession are cordially invited to attend any of the following lectures and clinics to be offered during the summer courses for graduates in medicine at the University of California Medical School from June 3 to June 29, 1929. All of the lectures will be held in Toland Hall, University of California Hospital, San Francisco.

On Wednesdays, from 11 a. m. to 1 p. m., clinicopathological conferences will be held in Cole Hall, Medical School Building, San Francisco.

Monday, June 3, 12 noon—Frank W. Lynch, M. D.: "Five-Year End-Results in the Treatment of Cervical Cancer." 8:15 p. m.—Gordon E. Hein, M. D.: "Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease."

Tuesday, June 4, 12 noon—Karl F. Meyer, Ph. D.: "The Present Status of Meningitis." 8:15 p. m.—Alfred C. Reed, M. D.: "Bacillary Dysentery."

Thursday, June 6, 12 noon—Wallace B. Smith, M. D.: "Acute Mastoiditis." 8:15 p. m.—Frederick C. Cordes, M. D.: "Emergency Treatment of Eye."

Friday, June 7, 12 noon—Edwin I. Bartlett, M. D.: "Breast Lesions: Their Diagnosis." 8:15 p. m.—J. C. Geiger, M. D.: "Modern Epidemiology and Tularemia."

Monday, June 10, 12 noon—Howard C. Naffziger, M. D.: "Diagnosis of Brain Tumors." 8:15 p. m.—J. C. Geiger, M. D.: "Food Poisoning."

Tuesday, June 11, 12 noon—Frank Hinman, M. D.: "The Conduct of a Routine Urological Study." 8:15 p. m.—Alfred C. Reed, M. D.: "Sprue."

Thursday, June 13, 12 noon—Montague S. Woolf, M. D.: "Manifestations and Diseases of the Colon and Rectum." 8:15 p. m.—Karl F. Meyer, Ph. D.: "Problems of Malta Fever."

Friday, June 14, 12 noon—Hans Lisser, M. D.: "Adult and Childhood Myxedema, Diagnosis, and Treatment." 8:15 p. m.—Charles E. Nixon, M. D.: "Neurological Aspects of Pernicious Anemia."

Monday, June 17, 12 noon—William Palmer Lucas, M. D.: "Problems and Fallacies of Infant Feeding." 8:15 p. m.—R. Emmet Allen, M. D.: "Diet in Chronic Disease."

Tuesday, June 18, 12 noon—Wallace I. Terry, M. D.: "Postoperative Pulmonary Complications." 8:15 p. m.—Glanville Y. Rusk, M. D.: "Obscure Conditions of the Lungs."

Thursday, June 20, 12 noon—Chauncey D. Leake, Ph. D.: "Recent Advances in Pharmacology and their Application to Medical Practices"—Part I. 8:15 p. m.—Charles L. Connor, M. D.: "The Newer Pathology of the Kidneys."

Friday, June 21, 12 noon—Chauncey D. Leake, Ph. D.: "Recent Advances in Pharmacology and their Application to Medical Practices"—Part II. 8:15 p. m.—Fred H. Kruse, M. D.: "Causes of Failure in the Medical Management of Peptic Ulcer."

Monday, June 24, 12 noon—Reginald Knight Smith, M. D.: "Problems in Obstetrics in Private Practice." 8:15 p. m.—Ernest H. Falconer, M. D.: "Treatment of Pernicious Anemia with Liver Extract."

Tuesday, June 25, 12 noon—Alfred H. Washburn, M. D.: "Purpura in Childhood." 8:15 p. m.—Eugene S. Kilgore, M. D.: "Precordial Pain."

Thursday, June 27, 12 noon—John C. Ruddock, M. D.: "Digitalis—Its Uses and Abuses." 8:15 p. m.—V. H. Podstata, M. D.: "Present-Day Mental Hygiene Program and the Physician."

Friday, June 28, 12 noon—Paul O'Leary, M. D., professor of dermatology, Mayo Foundation, Rochester, Minnesota—Dermatological Clinic. 8:15 p. m.—Udo J. Wile, M. D., professor of dermatology, University of Michigan Medical School, Ann Arbor, Michigan—Dermatological Clinic.

Formation of Pathologic Society in San Francisco. On Monday, April 22, a meeting of physicians interested in pathology was held in the County Medical Society rooms in San Francisco, and there was formed an organization to be known as the San Francisco Pathologic Society.

A Constitution and By-Laws were adopted, and the following officers were elected: W. Ophüls, M. D., president; G. Y. Rusk, M. D., vice-president; Z. E. Bolin, M. D., secretary-treasurer. An Executive Committee was elected consisting of C. L. Connor, M. D., A. M. Moody, M. D., and W. T. Cummins, M. D.

The object of this society is to foster interest on the Pacific Coast. It is interesting to note that a similar society was formed in 1851 in San Francisco, and that this was one of the earliest medical organizations on the Pacific Coast.

Southern Pacific General Hospital Meeting.—The regular staff meeting of the Southern Pacific General Hospital was held on Wednesday, May 1, at 8:15 p. m. The program was as follows: Discussion of the clinical and pathological data of the fatalities for April; report of three neurosurgical cases, with demonstration of patients, by Dr. E. B. Towne; discussion of three interesting cases of lymphoid leukemia, interlobular empyema, and carcinoma of the thyroid with metastases to the skull, by Doctors P. K. Brown, G. R. Carson, L. B. Crow, W. W. Washburn, and D. W. Sooy; abstract of recent literature on clinical and laboratory medicine, by Dr. W. T. Cummins.

Course in Otorhinolaryngological Pathology to be Given by Dr. Joseph Beck.—At the invitation of the San Francisco County Medical Society, Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat Section, Dr. Joseph Beck of Chicago has kindly consented to give a course in clinical pathology of the ear, nose, and throat. Details of this course, which was announced last month, follow.

The description of this course is best given in Doctor Beck's own words. He says, in speaking of the clinical demonstrations which make up the morning session of the course, "It is suggested that two or more of each type of pathological case be brought in so that I may have an opportunity to discuss a greater variety of pathologic states. It will be made clear to the students that this is a course on chronic pathology as applied to etiology, diagnosis, prognosis, and treatment. I have no intention of attempting to discuss methods of diagnosis or operations. Neither shall I discuss methods of treatment other than that which would come into the practical application of the underlying pathology."

"The course is given on three consecutive days—July 1, 2, and 3. There will be a two-hour session every morning from eight to ten, a clinical demon-

stration with discussion. A second session of one hour from six to seven in the evening will conclude each daily program.

"The first morning, diseases of the nose will be taken up, including deviation of the septum, chronic suppurative and nonsuppurative sinus disease, post-operative sinus disease with headache, and atrophic rhinitis.

"Any acute condition or neoplasm of the nose may be brought in and included for a brief presentation.

"Second morning, diseases of the throat, including tonsil and adenoid disease, luetic and tuberculous laryngitis, carcinoma of the larynx and neuroses and neuritides of the larynx.

"Any acute condition or neoplasm, etc., available may be brought in.

"Third morning, diseases of the ear, including chronic diseases of the external ear, chronic adhesive diseases of the middle ear, suppurative ear diseases (simple and complicated), and chronic nerve deafness (toxic, luetic, and otosclerotic).

"Any acute condition or neoplasm may be brought in for discussion."

In the afternoon session of the first and second day Doctor Beck will illustrate with his own projecting film, conditions discussed in the morning session.

At the request of Doctor Beck this course is limited to otolaryngologists. Those desiring to take this course will please send in their name to the secretary of the Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat Section, San Francisco County Medical Society, 2180 Washington Street, San Francisco. There will be no fee charged for this course, but the number is limited. Please send in reservation as soon as possible.

The course will be given in the auditorium of the San Francisco County Medical Society building, 2180 Washington Street, on July 1, 2, and 3, from 8 to 10 in the morning, and from 6 to 7 at night.

Pacific Physiotherapy Association.—This association will hold its annual meeting at the Alexandria Hotel, Los Angeles, June 21 and 22, under the presidency of Dr. W. C. S. Koebig, with a banquet on Friday evening. An excellent program by men of national reputation is being prepared.

Preceding the meeting of the association the Western School of Physical Therapy will hold its eleventh annual session at the Alexandria, June 17 to 20, under the direction of Dr. Burton B. Grover of Colorado Springs. All physicians who are interested in the progress of physical therapy may obtain programs and full information by addressing Dr. Herbert V. Mellinger, 506 Detwiler Building, Los Angeles.

The Scientific Session of the American Heart Association will be held in Portland, Oregon, on July 9, 1929, during the meeting of the American Medical Association.

The American Association for the Study of Allergy will hold its next annual meeting in Portland, Oregon, Monday and Tuesday, July 8 and 9, 1929, at the time of the meeting of the American Medical Association. Further information may be obtained from the secretary, Warren T. Vaughan, Medical Arts Building, Richmond, Virginia.

The Thomas William Salmon Memorial.—Hon. George W. Wickersham announces the establishment of the Thomas William Salmon Memorial to provide recognition to the scientist who has made the greatest contribution in the fight against mental disease during each year. Awards are to be national and international, and will provide for the wider dissemination of the knowledge of mental hygiene and insanity through coöperation with the New York Academy of Medicine, in whose hands the administration of the \$100,000 fund is to be placed.

Summer Course for the Study of Tuberculosis offered by California Tuberculosis Association, under the direction of Allen K. Krause, M. D., Johns Hopkins Medical School, July 29 to August 9, inclusive.

Address all communications to California Tuberculosis Association, Griffith McKenzie Building, Fresno, California.

Monday, July 29, at Lane Hospital, San Francisco:
9 a. m.—Lecture, Allen K. Krause, M. D. 11 to 1 p. m.—Laboratory, Ernest Dickson, M. D.
2 p. m.—Physical Diagnosis, Philip H. Pierson, M. D., and W. R. P. Clark, M. D.
4 p. m.—Ear, Nose, and Throat, Edward C. Sewall, M. D., John A. Bacher, M. D., and Harold A. Fletcher, M. D.

Tuesday, July 30, at Lane Hospital:
9 a. m.—Lecture, Allen K. Krause, M. D. 11 to 1 p. m.—Laboratory, Ernest Dickson, M. D.
2 p. m.—Physical Diagnosis, Philip H. Pierson, M. D., and W. R. P. Clark, M. D.
4 p. m.—X-ray Interpretation, Robert R. Newell, M. D.

Wednesday, July 31, at San Francisco Hospital:
9 a. m.—Physical Diagnosis, U. C. Wards, Sydney J. Shipman, M. D., and Lewis M. Mace, M. D.
2 p. m.—Urological Tuberculosis, Frank Hinman, M. D.
4 p. m.—Allen K. Krause, M. D.

Thursday, August 1, at San Francisco Hospital:
9 a. m.—Physical Diagnosis, U. C. Wards, Sydney J. Shipman, M. D., and Lewis M. Mace, M. D.
2 p. m.—Surgery, Harold Brunn, M. D., and William B. Faulkner, M. D.
4 p. m.—Lecture, Allen K. Krause, M. D.

Friday, August 2:
Sanatorium and Preventorium visit to Arroyo Sanatorium.
Lecture, Tuberculosis Organizations, Harold G. Trimble, M. D.
Sanatorium Technique, Chesley Bush, M. D.

Monday, August 5, at Lane Hospital:
9 to 10 a. m.—Demonstration of Tuberculin, Allen K. Krause, M. D.
2 p. m.—Artificial Pneumothorax, Philip H. Pierson, M. D.
4 p. m.—Abdominal Disturbances, Walter W. Boardman, M. D.

Tuesday, August 6, at Lane Hospital:
9 a. m.—Lecture, Allen K. Krause, M. D. 11 a. m.—Surgical Tuberculosis, Emile F. Holman, M. D., and Leo Eloesser, M. D.
2 p. m.—Surgery, Eloesser and Holman, M. D.
4 p. m.—Tuberculosis of the Eye. (Lecturer to be announced).

Wednesday, August 7, at University of California Hospital or San Francisco Hospital:
9 a. m.—Children's Tuberculosis, Clain Gelston, M. D.
10 a. m.—Children's Tuberculosis, Ernest Wolff, M. D.
2 p. m.—X-ray Interpretation—Children, William E. Chamberlin, M. D.
4 p. m.—Lecture, Allen K. Krause, M. D.

Thursday, August 8, at San Francisco Hospital:
9 a. m.—Orthopedic Tuberculosis—Children. (Lecturer to be announced.)

Thursday, August 8, at San Francisco Hospital:
2 p. m.—X-ray Interpretation, Howard E. Ruggles, M. D., and Lloyd Bryan, M. D.

Friday, August 9, at Veterans Bureau Hospital:
Light Therapy. (Lecturer to be announced).

An evening dinner, with a question box, will be arranged at which Doctor Krause will answer questions.

The Brodrick Memorial Fund.—A contribution of \$1000 has been received by Stanford University to start the Brodrick Memorial Fund in honor of the late Dr. R. G. Brodrick, physician superintendent of Stanford University Hospital, and formerly president

of the American Hospital Association. The income from this fund is to be used for clinic free beds.

Further contributions to this fund will be gladly received in any amount, and should be sent to Dr. William Ophüls, Dean, Stanford University Medical School, 2398 Sacramento Street, San Francisco.

Los Angeles Society for Neurology and Psychiatry Dinner.—On May 15, Dr. Richard Dewey of La Cañada was given a complimentary dinner by the Los Angeles Society for Neurology and Psychiatry at the University Club. He is now in his eighty-fourth year, and has recently passed quite successfully through a pyloric perforation and a gastro-enterostomy. He related at the dinner some of his experiences as a volunteer assistant surgeon in the Franco-Prussian War in 1870 and 1871 in the military hospitals in France and Germany.

CORRESPONDENCE

STATE MEDICAL LIBRARY—SOME LETTERS THEREON

Note.—The following letters are here printed because they had to do with Senate Bill 842 (state medical library bill). These letters are printed for the information of members of the California Medical Association.

I. *Letter from Doctor Kress to Acting State Librarian and to Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction.* Los Angeles, April 23, 1929.

Miss Mabel R. Gillis,
Assistant Librarian California State Library,
Sacramento, California.

Mr. Sam H. Cohn,
California Deputy Superintendent of Public
Instruction and Education,
Sacramento, California.

Dear Miss Gillis and Mr. Cohn:

Last week I wrote Dr. C. B. Pinkham, secretary of the California Board of Medical Examiners, in reference to Senate Bill No. 842, providing for a state medical library.

In his reply to us he states: "We can say, however, that last week we were called in consultation by Miss Gillis of the State Library and Mr. Cohn of the Department of Education, neither of whom seemed particularly impressed with the practicability of the medical library idea. We told them, as we have told everyone else, that the Board of Medical Examiners is not opposing the bill, nor have we spoken to any legislators in opposition to the bill."

I am quoting from this letter because under separate cover I am sending to each of you a copy of *CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE* of date of April 1929, on page 266 of which you will find some editorial comments concerning the state medical library bill.

I have also sent you a copy of a little leaflet on this subject that was sent out to members of the California Medical Association.

As a member of the California Medical Association I am very much interested in this proposed state medical library. On that account I am also interested in the viewpoints of all those who do not favor such a state medical library.

If it be not asking too great a favor, would you kindly write me and let me know of any of your objections to such a state medical library?

From my standpoint and from the standpoint of many other members of the medical profession it is hard to conceive any form of state library activity which could be of such great service to the interests of education and to the interests of citizens of California as this proposed state medical library.

In equal measure we are convinced that it should be a real part and parcel of the state library at Sacramento, which is the seat of state government, and that it should be part and parcel of the general state library which already exists at Sacramento, and which

has all the machinery of operation to carry on its work.

We hope that as you read the comments in the state journal and in the leaflet which I sent you, you will be able to visualize somewhat better the plan which we have in our minds.

The matter will be also discussed in the May issue of *CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE*, because the proposition is one of major importance to the further development of scientific medicine in California.

With thanks for your kind attention to this,

Cordially yours,

GEORGE H. KRESS, M. D.

II. *Reply from Assistant State Librarian. Objections to State Medical Library Bill (S. B. No. 842).*

Department of Finance
California State Library

Sacramento, April 26, 1929.

Dr. George H. Kress,
245 Bradbury Building,
Los Angeles, California.

My dear Doctor Kress:

When asked about the state medical library bill I have expressed my opinion, which is as follows:

For some years the state library bought medical books. You know from your own experience how expensive they are and how difficult it is to keep a medical collection up to date. We had practically no call for medical literature. Consequently we finally decided that it was the proper course to discontinue buying medical books. Thereafter we referred the few people who called here for medical literature to the already existing medical libraries, particularly the Lane medical library, which has been very generous in lending its books throughout the state. From our experience, then, of some little time ago we feel that there is very little call for medical books from physicians generally. Our belief is that a medical library is of most importance when it is in connection with a medical school. It is accordingly our feeling that any money expended on a medical library should be used to build up those already in existence rather than for starting a new organization. It would be impossible to acquire the old books of the greatest historical interest. Medical books of today are expensive and, as I understand it from medical men, soon out of date. While here at the state library we do have the machinery for sending out books, it is my opinion that it would be many years before medical men could be induced to turn to the state library for their literature. Even the local men are so used to sending to San Francisco for their books, that I think they would naturally continue to do so. Also it would be many years before we could build up a reference collection that would equal what is already available. My whole point is that it seems a needless duplication to put this money into a medical library when we already have medical libraries in the state which answer our needs but which could be very much helped by some of this money if it could be diverted to them.

Sincerely yours,

MABEL R. GILLIS,

Acting State Librarian.

P. S.—I am sure that you realize that to get the fullest use of a medical library it would be necessary to have a trained medical librarian. To do the specialized reference work which your arguments suggest a person should be familiar with medical literature. Naturally we have no one on the staff who is, and at any rate the building up of a special library of this sort would require more help than we have. Money for additional help would have to be taken from the fund turned over for the purposes of the medical library. This would, of course, reduce the amount of money available for books and would be another indication of duplication, since the existing medical libraries already have their trained staffs of people who are accustomed to handling medical literature.

I would be very glad to talk with you some time on this matter and to tell you more about our plan of